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MINUTES

Retirement Board Meeting
July 24 - 8:00 a.m.
RDC Hearing Room
2880 International Circle
Colorado Springs, Colorado

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Lowderman, Michael Pennica; Chris Long, Nicola Sapp

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ray Bernier

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT: David Guest

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS ABSENT: Michael Varnet

Call to Order 8:00 a.m.

Public Comment - Teri Goodall and Melissa Scalzo approached the Board regarding beginning disability benefit payments under the Rule of 75. They requested to be placed on the August 28, 2017 agenda. They also requested the members that are affected due to this error, be notified in writing and invited to the August 28, 2017 board meeting. Mark Lowderman requested that Teri Goodall and Melissa Scalzo be notified if they cannot be added onto the August 28, 2017 meeting agenda.

1. Presentation of Principal Real Estate Debt Fund by Michelle Fang, Managing Director, Principal Real Estate Investors.
2. Presentation of May and June, 2017 Investment Performance by Dale Connors, CFA, Senior Consultant - Ellwood Associates

Nicola Sapp arrived 9:26

3. Presentation of Global Equity Review and Discussion by Dale Connors, CFA, Senior Consultant - Ellwood Associates

**CHRIS LONG MOVED TO LIQUIDATE THE SSGA S&P FLAGSHIP NL FUND
AND MOVE 75% OF ITS BALANCE TO THE VANGUARD TOTAL STOCK
MARKET FUND, LIQUIDATE THE VANGUARD DEVELOPED MARKETS INDEX**

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FUND AND MOVE IT TO THE VANGUARD INTERNATIONAL FUND AND LIQUIDATE THE SANTA BARBARA DIVIDEND GROWTH FUND AND MOVE IT TO THE INTERNATIONAL FUND. MICHAEL PENNICA SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

4. Presentation of Defensive Equity Review and Discussion Dale Connors, CFA, Senior Consultant and Andrew Fiegel, CFA, CAIA - Ellwood Associates

CHRIS LONG MOVED TO TAKE REMAINING 25% OF THE SSGA FUND LIQUIDATION BALANCE AND MOVE IT TO THE PARAMETRIC DEFENSIVE EQUITY COMMINGLED FUND. MICHAEL PENNICA SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

5. Acceptance of January 1, 2017 Actuarial Valuation & 2016 Plan Year Audit
Thomas Pfeifle, Executive Director

NICOLA SAPP MOVED TO ACCEPT THE 2016 PLAN YEAR AUDIT REPORT. CHRIS LONG SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

MICHAEL PENNICA MOVE TO ACCEPT THE JANUARY 1, 2017 ACUTUARIAL VALUATION REPORT. NICOLA SAPP SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

6. Executive Session for determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiators and instructing negotiators as authorized by C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(e) and attorney-client communications regarding the same as authorized by C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b).

NICOLA SAPP MOVED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:49 A.M., PURSUANT TO C.R.S 24-6-402(4)(e) FOR NEGOTIATIONS, DEVELOPING STRATEGY FOR NEGOTIATORS AND INSTRUCTING NEGOTIATORS. PURSUANT TO C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(B) FOR THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING THE SAME AS AUTHORIZED. MICHAEL PENNINCA SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

7. The regular meeting reconvened at 10:51 a.m.

NICOLA SAPP MOVED TO ADJOURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENE THE REGULAR MEETING. CHRIS LONG SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

8. Vote on whether to approve the Governmental Resolution Agreement regarding the EPA settlement offer.

LEGAL COUNSEL ROBERT TUCHMAN WITH BRYAN CAVE NOTED THAT THE SETTLEMENT IS SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY AUTHORIZED OFFICIALS. NICOLA SAPP NOTED FOR RECORD THAT THE BOARD DOES NOT ADMIT TO ANY LIABILITY WITH THIS SETTLEMENT. MICHAEL PENNICA MOVED TO ACCEPT THE SETTLEMENT OFFER AS STATED. CHRIS LONG SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

9. Agenda Packet

Approval of Minutes of May 22, 2017.

NICOLA SAPP MOVED TO APPROVE THE MAY 22, 2017 MINUTES. CHRIS LONG SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

Ratification of Termination Refunds, New Retirees, and Purchases of Service

NICOLA SAPP MOVED TO RATIFY THE TERMINATION REFUNDS, NEW RETIREES AND PURCHASES OF SERVICE. MICHAEL PENNICA SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

Ratification of Cash Disbursements since Previous Meeting.

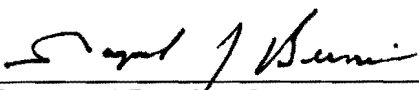
NICOLA SAPP MOVED TO RATIFY THE CASH DISBURSEMENTS AS PRESENTED WITH THE REQUEST TO REVISIT THE 2018 LEGAL EXPENSE BUDGET. MICHAEL PENNICA SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

Ratification of Financial Statements for Months ending May 31 & June 30, 2017.

CHRIS LONG MOVED TO RATIFY THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. NICOLA SAPP SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

10. The next meeting will be August 28, 2017 at 8:00 a.m.

11. Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:06 p.m.



Raymond Bernier, Secretary



Linda Fowler, Recording Secretary